

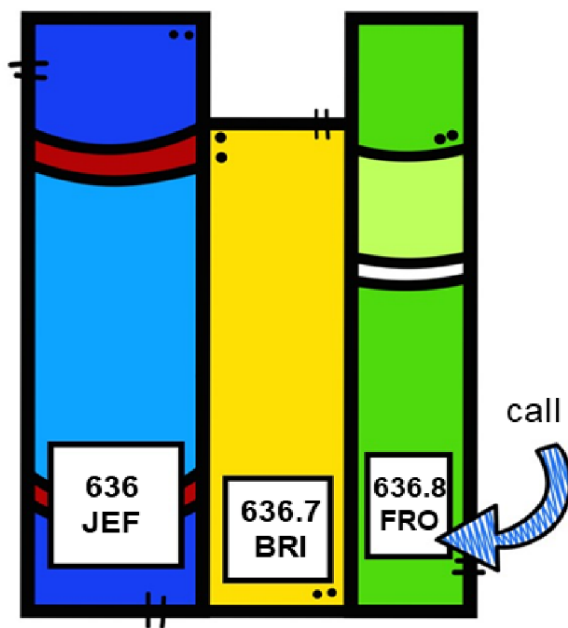
GRADES

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THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM

CALL NUMBERS

Have you ever noticed that all our library books have numbers and letters on the spine?



These are a type of code for librarians. The numbers and letters together form a book's call number.

In our library, the call number is always a number and up to three letters.

The call number is like the book's address. It tells us where the book "lives" in the library.

“After the Zombie Apocalypse”



INCLUDES TWO PRESENTATIONS

WHO WAS MELVIL DEWEY?

- Mr. Dewey (1851-1931) created one of the two most widely-used library classification systems in the world.
- Dewey Decimal System assigns numbers to different subjects
- For example, the number 590 is assigned to animals. Number 940 is Europe. Number 777 is cinematography.
- Dewey was also a founding member of the American Library Association and the founder and editor of *The Library Journal*.



Part I

AFTER THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE:

A DEWEY HUNDREDS STORY

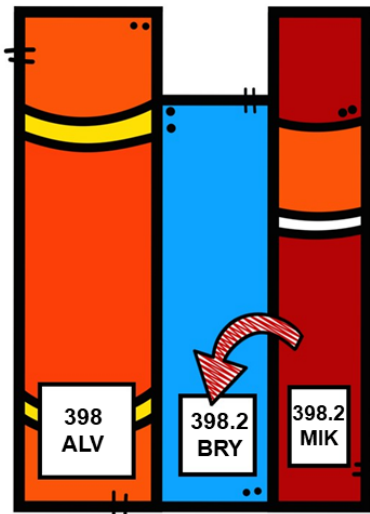


This zombie looks friendly. He's not.

Part II

PART I: DEWEY BASICS

LETTERS = LAST NAME



The blue book has a call number of 398.2 BRY.

The 398 tells us this is a folklore book. The .2 means

CALL NUMBER = SUBJECT

Every call number is a different subject. For example...

- Fairy tales = 398
- Outdoor Sports = 796
- Pets = 636
 - Dogs = 636.6
 - Cats = 636.8

The story of "Hansel and Gretel" is a fairy tale.

You can find fairy tales in 398.

Where will you find the book "Hansel and Gretel"?



The first lesson (Part I) takes about 20 minutes.
It introduces or reviews a few basics about
the Dewey Decimal System.

PART II: ZOMBIE DEWEY STORY

YOU LIVE IN A CAVE



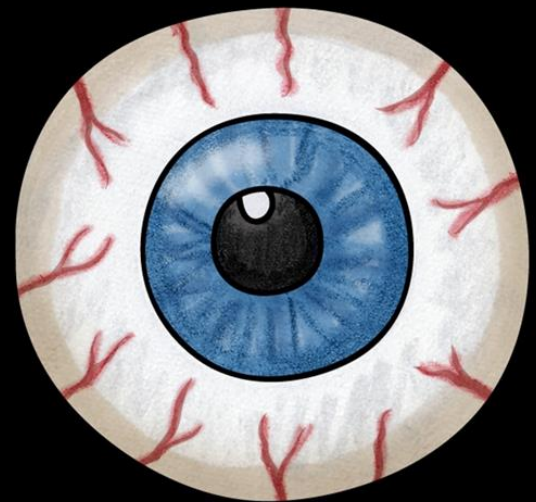
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You have not left your cave and the area just outside it since you got here. You survive on rainwater, plants, and

100-PHILOSOPHY & PSYCHOLOGY

You are alone. There is only you, and you are lonely. It is just you in your cave, alone with your thoughts. You are surviving. You have enough to eat and drink, but you worry if you are still sane.

You question yourself, your survival, and your sanity all the time.



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The second lesson (Part II) is the star of the show!
This part is a story about a zombie apocalypse that will help students remember the Dewey hundreds sections.
It takes about 30-40 minutes.

TEACHING THE DEWEY HUNDREDS

400-LANGUAGES

After watching the group for several days (and they clearly are watching you, too), you decide to approach them.

Will they speak English? Will you be able to communicate with them? It's too bad your cell phone hasn't worked in two years. A translation app would sure come in handy right now.



400-LANGUAGES



To communicate with other people, you need language. The 400 section is about Languages.

It includes dictionaries, thesauri, books about grammar, and books about all languages.

Spanish, French, Japanese, and sign languages are all in the 400 section. In school libraries, the 400 section is usually pretty small.



Each Dewey hundreds section has its own part in the story. Each section includes a piece of “After the Zombie Apocalypse” and one slide to explain more about the section.

ZOMBIE BOOKMARKS



Includes readalike
titles for upper-
elementary, middle
school, and high
school

Double-sided and fully-editable

PRACTICE WORKSHEET

ZOMBIE DEWEY PRACTICE



000	Books that don't fit into one of the other categories (encyclopedias, libraries, internet)
100	One person: Who am I? How do I feel? (psychology, philosophy, paranormal)
200	Two beings: person and creator (religion, mythology)
300	Three or more people (social Sciences, government, crime and punishment, traditional stories)
400	How do we communicate with others? (languages, dictionaries)
500	People notice the natural world (natural sciences: trees, rocks, weather, animals)
600	People use natural science to make something useful (applied sciences: building materials, transportation, medicine, cooking)
700	People have extra time for creativity and games (arts, music, dance, drawing, sports)
800	People tell stories around campfire (literature, poetry, plays)
900	People want to leave a record of all they have accomplished (history, geography, maps)

WHERE WOULD YOU CLASSIFY THESE BOOKS?
WRITE THE HUNDREDS SECTION.

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|--|---|
| 1. A book about whales _____ | 12. A book about trains _____ |
| 2. A book about World War II _____ | 13. A thesaurus _____ |
| 3. A book about Hinduism _____ | 14. Maya Angelou poetry _____ |
| 4. A play by William Shakespeare _____ | 15. A how-to-draw book _____ |
| 5. A fairy tale _____ | 16. A book about how to use YouTube _____ |
| 6. A book about tornadoes _____ | 17. A book about a football team _____ |
| 7. A Russian-English dictionary _____ | |
| 8. A book of world flags _____ | |
| 9. A book about reggae music _____ | |
| 10. A cookbook _____ | |
| 11. A book about tarantulas _____ | |

A FEW MORE DIFFICULT SECTIONS:

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|---|
| 18. A book about Spanish architecture _____ |
| 19. A book about growing an herb garden _____ |
| 20. A book about the history of libraries _____ |

DEWEY PRACTICE

ANSWER KEY

How would you classify these books?

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| 12. A book about trains | 600 |
| 13. A thesaurus | 400 |
| 14. Maya Angelou poetry | 800 |
| 15. A how-to-draw book | 700 |
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| 17. book about a football team | 700 |

SOME MORE CHALLENGING SECTIONS:

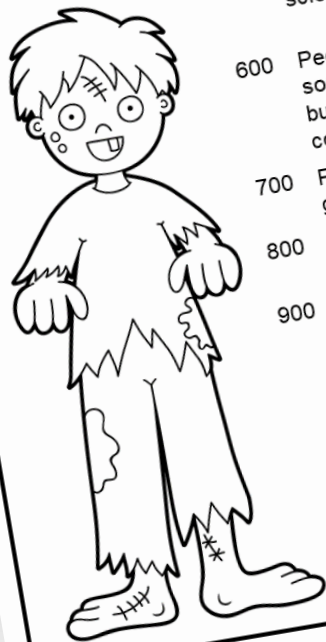
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| 19. A book about how to grow an herb garden | 600 |
| 20. A book about the history of public libraries | 000 |

answer key included

CLASSIFICATION SIGNS

DEWEY CLASSIFICATIONS

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- 500 People notice the natural world (sciences: trees, animals)
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MAJOR DEWEY CLASSIFICATIONS

- 000 General Knowledge
- 100 Philosophy and Psychology
- 200 Religion
- 300 Social Science
- 400 Language
- 500 Natural Science
- 600 Applied Science
- 700 Arts
- 800 Literature
- 900 History and Geography



These can be placed around the library as reminders of Dewey classifications.

ALL TEXT IS EDITABLE

700-ARTS & RECREATION



You and your new friends are really on a roll now! You've done a lot to make your lives easier, and now you now have some free time!

One of your new friends has an old football, so you organize a game. Another friend recently used

Someone else made
One night, you have a
If there are still zon

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700-ARTS & RECREATION

The 700 section is all about arts, sports, and leisure activities.

These are all topics you might do in your free time.

You will find books about drawing, dancing, sports, music, fishing, camping, and art here.



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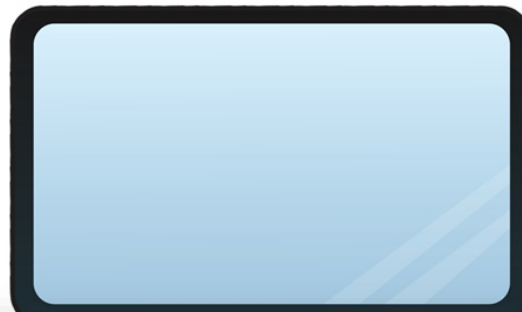
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THREE FORMATS

USE THE OPAC!

OPAC is short for the library catalog.

OPAC = Online Public Access Catalog



The library's online catalog
find the numbers when y

WHAT TO REMEMBER



Even though you don't have to remember
the numbers, it can be helpful to
remember the 10 main sections.

This can help you find books if you are
in a hurry, or if the library catalog is
being used by another student.

To help you remember Dewey's 10 major subject classifications,
let's pretend you are part of a zombie apocalypse...

All pieces of this resource are editable in:
PowerPoint, Google Slides, and PDF.